Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2010/05/21 : CIA-RDP87S00869R000600070004-0

STAT

MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]

Mtg re Polygraph

Tues, 21 Feb 84

2:00 – ? OK. @

(about 2 hrs.)

DDA Conf Room

Date 17 Feb

FORM 5-75 101 USE PREVIOUS EDITIONS

STAT

Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2010/05/21 : CIA-RDP87S00869R000600070004-0

Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2010/05/21 : CIA-RDP87S00869R000600070004-0

ROUTING AND TRANSMITTAL S

Date 2/27/84

TO: (Name, building		Initials	Date
1.		D	2/29
2.		C	3/3/84
3.			
4.			
5.			

STAT

Action	File	Note and Return
Approval	For Clearance	Per Conversation
As Requested	For Correction	Prepare Reply
Circulate	For Your Information	See Me
Comment	Investigate	Signature
Coordination	Justify	

REMARKS

Received from Helen in CD
At least Dr. Lykken got
the right audience. The
same day
got his.

STAT

Dan K

STAT

DO NOT use this form as a RECORD of approvals, concurrences, disposals, clearances, and similar actions

symbol, Agency/Post)	Room No.—Bldg.
	Phone No.

☆ GPO : 1983 O - 381-529 (301)

OPTIONAL FORM 41 (Rev. 7-76)
Prescribed by GSA
FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.206

Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2010/05/21 : CIA-RDP87S00869R000600070004-0

Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2010/05/21 : CIA-RDP87S00869R000600070004-0

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: Because you are able to reach so many people, I submit the following facts:

Scientific studies show conclusively that polygraph tests (the so-called "lie detector") tend to be wrong about one-third of the time! Even worse, the evidence affirms a strong bias against the innocent person; 47 percent of the suspects who were erroneously classified as "deceptive" were later shown to have been telling the truth.

I have been personally involved in three murder cases where the prosecution offered to drop charges against the suspect if he passed the lie detector, in exchange for an agreement to permit the polygraph results to be used in evidence if the suspect failed. In all three cases, the suspects did fail, the polygrapher's testimony formed the heart of the prosecutor's case, the men were each found guilty and sentenced to life in prison.

Later each of these "convicted murderers" was found to be INNOCENT and was freed — but only after spending from one to five years behind bars!

Many wrongly accused people were eager to be tested, confident that their innocence would be confirmed, only to fail the test.

There is nothing scientific about the polygraph, and people should be encouraged to refuse to submit to it.

— DAVID T. LYKKEN,
PROFESSOR OF PSYCHIATRY AND PSYCHOLOGY,
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

DEAR DR. LYKKEN: Thank you for the valuable input — and an appropriate item for George Washington's birthday.

Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2010/05/21 : CIA-RDP87S00869R000600070004-0